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The Honorable Tommy Benton  
State Representative  
State Capitol, Room 217  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification  
House Bill (LC 43 1171)

Dear Representative Benton:

This bill would amend provisions relating to death benefits payable under the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund. Currently, the Fund provides a death benefit of \$5,000 to beneficiaries upon the death of an active member. Additionally, the beneficiaries of a retired member receive a death benefit if the retired member has not received benefits equal to \$5,000 prior to death. If this legislation is enacted, the amount of the death benefit payable to beneficiaries would increase to \$10,000.

This is to certify that this bill is a fiscal retirement bill as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law.

Respectfully,

/s/ Greg S. Griffin

Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor

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